

# House File 2275 - Introduced

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BY COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION

(SUCCESSOR TO HSB 569)

## A BILL FOR

1 An Act relating to the disbursement of all Iowa opportunity  
2 scholarships.

3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

1 Section 1. Section 261.87, subsection 3, Code 2016, is  
2 amended to read as follows:

3 3. *Extent of scholarship.* A qualified student at an  
4 eligible institution may receive scholarships for not more than  
5 the equivalent of two full-time academic years of undergraduate  
6 study, excluding summer semesters. Scholarships awarded  
7 pursuant to this section may, at the qualified student's  
8 request, be ~~awarded on an annual basis or semester~~ disbursed  
9 over a single academic year or two academic years, and shall  
10 not exceed the ~~lesser~~ least of the following amounts, as  
11 determined by the commission:

12 a. The student's financial need.

13 b. ~~One-half of the~~ The average resident tuition rate and  
14 mandatory fees established for institutions of higher learning  
15 governed by the state board of regents for a scholarship  
16 disbursed over one academic year, or one-half of that amount  
17 for a scholarship disbursed over two academic years.

18 c. The resident tuition and mandatory fees charged for the  
19 program of enrollment by the eligible institution at which the  
20 student is enrolled.

21 EXPLANATION

22 The inclusion of this explanation does not constitute agreement with  
23 the explanation's substance by the members of the general assembly.

24 This bill authorizes the college student aid commission,  
25 at a qualified student's request, to disburse the all Iowa  
26 opportunity scholarship to the qualified student over a single  
27 academic year or two academic years. The scholarship award  
28 shall not exceed the least of the student's financial need  
29 or the eligible institution's tuition and fee charges or, as  
30 amended under the bill, the average resident tuition rate and  
31 mandatory fees established for regents universities for awards  
32 disbursed over one academic year, or one-half of that amount  
33 for awards disbursed over two academic years.

34 Currently, a qualified student at an eligible institution  
35 may receive scholarships for not more than the equivalent of

1 two full-time academic years of undergraduate study, excluding  
2 summer semesters. The language as amended does not affect this  
3 current limitation.